Blazer
BEGINNINGS
ORIENTATION LEADER

2013-2014
APPLICATION
Applications must be returned to the Office of Orientation & Leadership Programs (OLP), 3rd floor of the Student Union by **5:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 18, 2013.**

**Candidates Must:**
- Submit a completed application by deadline
- Provide a letter of recommendation (form attached)
- Sign-up for an interview January 23- February 10, 2013 @ OLP Office

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**General Information**

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**How did you hear about this position?** (check all that apply)

- Flyer
- Spectator
- Email
- Facebook
- Staff
- Faculty
- Friend
- Website
- Former OL Staff (OL Staff Name) __________________________-_ I was nominated
- Other (please specify) ___________________________

_______ I understand that by completing this application, I am giving the University permission to check my grades and student records.  **(provide your initials if you agree)**
### MOST RECENT WORK EXPERIENCE

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List, **in order of importance to you**, your college extracurricular activities:

### COLLEGE ACTIVITIES

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Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper and submit with your application. Answers must be TYPED.

1. Explain why you would like to be a member of the Orientation team and what aspect of the role of an Orientation Leader is most interesting to you?

2. What are the characteristics or qualities that you believe are most important for an orientation leader to possess? What do you think is the most important characteristic or skill that you have to offer to the position of Orientation Leader?

3. List 3 of the most important aspects of college that should be addressed during Orientation and why.

4. What do you hope to gain from being an Orientation Leader?
What is Blazer Beginnings Orientation?
Blazer Beginnings Orientation is a program designed to assist VSU’s newest Blazers to become adjusted and familiar with our campus and academic programs. The one-day freshman program and half day transfer program includes academic advising, course registration, presentations of campus resources, interactions with orientation leaders, and opportunities to meet other students entering VSU. The program is offered in the month of May, June, and August to new freshman and transfer students beginning coursework in the Fall 2013 term as well as a session in January for students entering the Spring 2014 semester.

What are the minimum qualifications needed to apply to be an Orientation Leader?
All applicants must meet the following requirements:

✓ Have a 2.50 overall GPA at the time of application and throughout the duration of your Orientation Leader employment
✓ Be enrolled in Spring 2013 semester and graduate after Spring 2014
✓ Complete the OL Application, including a completed reference, and interview with Orientation Leader Selection Staff
✓ Be in Good Academic and Judicial Standing with the University
✓ Be able to commit to all scheduled orientation training dates and scheduled orientation dates without interruption
✓ Have a strong commitment and desire to serve and represent Valdosta State University
**What are the commitments and responsibilities of a Blazer Beginning Orientation Leader?**

As an Orientation Leader, you will provide guidance and information about VSU to new students and parents. Other responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- **REQUIRED**: attend and participate in weekly OL Training Sessions during the Spring Semester as well as a training Retreat in March.
- Attend mandatory training session with a national trainer on February 22 & 23
- Facilitate guided tours on 3 designated VSU Visitation Days scheduled by the VSU Office of Admissions (dates to be announced at a later date)
- Welcome new students and families to the university and assist in all phases of the orientation process
- Assist students with academic advising and class registration
- Show support and respect to all members of the Orientation Team, VSU faculty and staff members, and University guests.
- Be flexible; last minute changes can occur
- Display a positive attitude at all times
- Punctuality is a must
- Be able to work long hours
- Be able to work in a team environment and often with limited direct supervision

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**Compensation of an Orientation Leader**

OL team members will receive the following compensation package:

- $120 stipend for attending mandatory training sessions from Feb-Apr 2013
- $700 stipend for Blazer Beginnings Orientation Sessions listed above
- $30 VSU Bookstore gift card & meal for each scheduled VSU Visitation Day scheduled in the Fall & Spring semesters
- Free meals at orientation sessions
- Free VSU required Orientation clothing

补偿方案

OL团队成员将收到以下补偿方案：

- 120美元补贴，用于参加2013年2月至4月的必要培训课程
- 700美元补贴，用于Blazer Beginnings Orientation Sessions
- 30美元VSU礼品卡及每场安排的VSU参观日的餐饮
- 免费餐饮
- 免费VSU必需的Orientation服装
What are the benefits of being an Orientation Leader?

✓ Personal satisfaction from helping new students and their families
✓ Opportunity to assess and determine personal strengths and abilities
✓ Leadership development
✓ An opportunity to work with a diverse group of people
✓ An opportunity to work closely with VSU administration, faculty and staff
✓ Make new friends
✓ Networking opportunities

What is the application and selection process?
For consideration, each applicant must complete the following:

1. Return completed application on or before deadline
2. Submit reference
3. Sign up for an interview
4. Attend your scheduled interview (missed appointments will not be rescheduled)
5. All interviews will be conducted by the Orientation Coordinator and one Orientation Selection Committee Member
6. Interview attire: feel free to express your VSU spirit!
7. Selected candidates will be announced in February.
Applicant Name: ____________________________________________

**Note:** The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 open many student records for the student’s inspection. The law also permits the student to waive his/her right to inspect letters of recommendation. The applicant’s signature below constitutes a waiver; no signature means the student will have the right to read this reference.

Applicant’s Signature: _____________________________________ Date: ____________________

The person named below has applied to work as an Orientation Leader for Valdosta State University and is requesting a reference from you.

Your recommendation is an important component of the application process and your response to this request is greatly appreciated.

*Return to the Office of Orientation/Student Union, Attn: Brenda Beasley (333-5941)*

**How do you know this applicant?** ____________________________________________

_______________________________________________________________________________________

Length of time you have known or worked with this applicant: ________________________________

**Your Name:** ____________________________________ **Phone:** ____________________________

**Title/Position:** ____________________________________________________
Personal Characteristics: Check all that apply to the candidate.

- Good Academic Achievement
- Accepting of Others / Open-minded
- Charismatic / Creative
- Cooperative / Flexible
- Dependable / Reliable / Punctual
- Desire to Help Others / Works well with team members
- Desire to Personally Grow & Develop
- Enthusiastic / Friendly / Confident
- Integrity / Honest
- Knowledge of Campus Community
- Leadership Skills / Responsible
- Listening Skills
- Mature / Self-Motivated
- Organized & Punctual
- Positive Attitude
- Public Speaking Skills

Abilities: Use the following scale to assess the following skills.
5=Excellent 4=Good 3=Average 2=Fair 1=Unacceptable

_____Ability to manage time and complete tasks on time.
_____Ability to solve problems.
_____Ability to listen and follow directions.
_____Ability to speak in front of small and large groups.
_____Ability to accept responsibility for own actions.
_____Ability to relate well with peers, parents, faculty and/or administrators.
_____Ability to present a positive image of VSU.

Signature _____________________________________________ Date __________

_____ I do not recommend.
_____ I recommend with reservations.
_____ I do recommend.
_____ I strongly recommend this applicant.

Thanks for taking the time to share your opinion!